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NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Z. H. Moore Store (preferred name)

AND/OR COMMON Oketo Community Museum

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Northeast corner, State and Center Streets

CITY, TOWN Oketo

VICINITY OF

No. 2, Martha Keys

STATE Kansas 66518

CODE 20

COUNTY Marshall CODE 117

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☒ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER Lodge Hall**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Oketo Lodge No. 25 A. F. & A. M.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Oketo

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kansas 66518

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Marshall County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Marysville

STATE

Kansas 66508

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Sites Survey

DATE

June 7, 1971

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kansas State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Topeka

STATE

Kansas 66612

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Z. H. Moore Store in Oketo is two stories high with a basement and constructed from native stone taken from a quarry on the edge of town. It is located at the west end of Oketo's one block commercial district, a district in which only a few commercial establishments still remain. The building measures 70 feet long by 26.5 feet wide and is 26.5 feet high. The main entrance, which fronts on Center street, faces south and has been constructed of dressed stone with a store front facade. A heavy wood lintel and two stone piers support the stone on the second story. The first story has two large plate glass cross windows and a recessed double door and transom window. A wood base with recessed panels runs along the bottom of the windows. The store front is supported on a stone base. There are two windows on this main facade on the second story which have slightly protruding stone sills. A narrow band of stone which protrudes slightly from the facade serves as the cornice.

The east and west facades are constructed of rubble masonry and each has five windows on the second story. These windows have dressed stone lintels and sills. The cornice line lowers in four steps. The east facade has two windows with dressed stone lintels and sills on the first story. The west facade has two doors and a window on the first story. The one story lean-to brick building on the west is not part of the Moore building. There are two small brick chimneys visible behind the masonry wall on the west side and one on the east.

The north facade is also constructed of rubble masonry. There is one doorway with a dressed stone lintel, and a gutter runs along the cornice with a downspout on the west side.

The roof is flat and covered with tar paper.

The second floor continues to serve as a lodge hall and the first floor is the community museum. The original post office equipment remains in the building.

One of the few discernible alterations to the structure is the change in the first floor window openings on the east facade. Originally the window below the middle second story window did not exist. It does not have the one-piece dressed stone lintel that the others do. The second window was original, and another original window opening below or slightly north of the last second story window has been walled up. An old photograph shows a sloping porch roof across the south facade, but this was removed many years ago.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

1876

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Z. H. Moore store was the first business building in Oketo. Built in 1876 of native limestone quarried at Oketo, it served the community as post office and general store for many years.

Ziba H. Moore, a native of Pennsylvania, was a carpenter by trade. For a number of years he worked for the federal government on the Otoe Indian reservation at what is now Barneston, Nebraska. In 1875 Moore moved to Oketo, which is located on the Big Blue river in northern Marshall county and opened a general store. A settlement had originally developed about a mile south of the present town. Then in 1866 Irving Chapman built a dam across the Big Blue and erected a flour mill; subsequently a new village grew up at that location.

Moore is said to have built the first house, the first store, and dug the first well at Oketo. He was the town's second postmaster, serving from January 10, 1882, to January 6, 1886. He continued to operate the general store through the 1880's, and was probably involved in other business ventures, such as stone quarries. Then in 1889 he organized the Oketo State Bank as a private bank. In 1899 it was converted to a state bank with Z. H. Moore as the cashier. He remained actively associated with the bank until his death September 16, 1916, at which time he was president.

The Z. H. Moore Store building was used as a dry goods and general store for many years and as the community's post office until the early 1970's. The Oketo Masonic lodge has used the second floor as a lodge hall for more than 70 years. The building is significant to the local community for its long usage as the post office and as a general store, and it was the first commercial structure built at the present site of Oketo.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

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Cornelia Wyma, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION Kansas State Historical Society DATE January 23, 1976

STREET & NUMBER 120 West 10th Street TELEPHONE 913-296-3251

CITY OR TOWN Topeka STATE Kansas 66612

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL x

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Nyle H. Miller

TITLE Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society DATE January 30, 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

96°37'30"

BASE LINE

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57°30"

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